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[*on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/72/465)*]

72/121. Effects of armed conflicts on treaties

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 66/99 of 9 December 2011, in which it took note of and commended to the attention of Governments the articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties contained in the annex to that resolution, and its resolution 69/125 of 10 December 2014,

Recalling also that the International Law Commission decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the draft articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties in a resolution and annex them to that resolution, and that it consider, at a later stage, the elaboration of a convention on the basis of the draft articles,[1]

Emphasizing the continuing importance of the codification and progressive development of international law, as referred to in Article 13, paragraph 1 (a), of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the subject of the effects of armed conflicts on treaties is of major importance in the relations of States,

Taking note of the comments of Governments[2] and the discussion in the Sixth Committee at the sixty-ninth and seventy-second sessions of the General Assembly on this topic,[3]

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for its continuing contribution to the codification and progressive development of international law;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 10* (A/66/10), para. 97.
[2] See A/72/96.
[3] See A/C.6/69/SR.18 and A/C.6/72/SR.17.

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2. *Emphasizes* the value of the articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties[4] in providing guidance to States, and invites States to use the articles as a reference whenever appropriate;

3. *Decides* that it will revert to the question of the effects of armed conflicts on treaties at an appropriate time.

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[4] Resolution 66/99, annex.